

## Hospital service staff on strike

By MACABEE DEAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Some 4,000 administrative and service workers in 22 government hospitals go out on strike this morning to press for implementation of the agreement granting them equal pay and conditions with Kipat Holim workers in similar jobs.

Doctors, nurses and laboratory workers are not striking. The hospitals will remain open.

Most medical patients are expected to be discharged and "routine" cases will not be admitted, a spokesman for the strikers told The Post.

The administrative and service staff will continue to provide full services to the children's and maternity departments and to the operating theatres, as well as to all emergency and defence personnel.

The spokesman said the Histadrut had not approved the strike, nor had approval been requested, "since we are sure that it would be refused." No contacts with the Ministry of Health were scheduled.

### STALEMATE

A last-minute meeting between representatives of the workers, the Histadrut Trade Union, Department and the Civil Service Union ended in a stalemate last night. The workers flatly rejected the Histadrut's demand to call off the strike.

The dispute dates back to August, 1971, when the workers went out on strike to press for equalization with Kipat Holim wages. Subsequently, the Padah Committee, named after Dr. Baruch Padah, director-general of the Ministry of Health, was set up to study the problem.

On November 13, 1972, an agreement on equalization was initiated, and on December 7, it was signed. At this time, the workers gave the Ministry of Health three weeks to begin implementing the decisions of the Padah committee. The three weeks ran out last Thursday.

However, the ministry said that the entire matter of equalization had to be approved by the inter-ministerial committee on wages, and this would take some time. It also said the recommendations of the Padah Committee were not final, and were open to negotiation, and offered to open negotiations immediately with the workers. The workers refused to accept this interpretation.

## KNESSET UPROAR OVER NO-CONFIDENCE MOTIONS

### Late-night session on votes bill

By ASHER WALLFISH  
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Knesset was due to vote in the early hours of this morning on the first reading of the Knesset elections reform bill, for redistribution of surplus votes, aimed at making the big parties bigger, and the small parties smaller.

The session was one of the longest and noisiest on record. The "parliamentary disobedience" campaign conducted by the small factions against the steamroller tactics of the big two factions — the Alignment and Gahal — showed both sides in the least flattering light as they exchanged mutual recriminations and insults.

(In the bill, sponsors, Yohanan Bader of Gahal and Avraham Ofer of the Alignment seek to have surplus votes in the Knesset elections translated into Knesset seats, according to the faction list drawing the largest total of votes, and not the largest surplus like now.)

The surplus votes bill was presented along with a second electoral reform proposal of a technical nature. The Alignment and Gahal sought to railroad both measures through on the first reading because of the difficulty of mobilizing an absolute majority of M.K.s at two separate sessions.

The electoral reform measures only came up at 10.30 p.m. after six wearying hours of debate on no-confidence motions, tabled by the small factions in a filibuster attempt. The smaller Knesset factions adopted extreme obstructionist tactics in the form of what they considered an unprecedented assault on their privileges. The handful of Cabinet Ministers present during the earlier no-confidence motions disappeared before the electoral reform measures came up, as though to demonstrate that the surplus votes issue is the business of the parliament.

## BID TO AVERT ENGINEERS' STRIKE FAILS

Jerusalem Post Staff

Discussions between Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir and the heads of the engineers' and technicians' unions to avert today's planned strike collapsed last night. A representative of the engineers came out of the meeting — held in the Knesset building — after midnight and said "the strike is on at 10 o'clock today as planned."

He said the government had not made any new proposals and was "dragging its feet."

At issue in last night's talks was the Minister's compromise for a wage increase — which had been accepted the day before by the academics (graduates in the social sciences and humanities).

They had agreed to refrain from adding new grades to the wage scale, which was the one condition required by the government. But the academics insisted a proviso that if the engineers were granted more, they would get more too.

The strike planned by the engineers was due to start at 10 a.m. It was to affect only the civil service, which comprises 1,800 engineers and 4,700 technicians. It was announced last night that the radio service would be affected, and TV programmes would be cancelled except for Arabic broadcasts and the news.

Yesterday afternoon, the Histadrut Central Committee resolved at a special session that it would take part in negotiations with the government on engineers' and technicians' working conditions.

It also decided that the academics' committee of the Histadrut would set forth, together with the unions, a new schedule of grading "to reflect the needs of the engineering profession and conform to the wage level in other trades."

This resolution forms a curb on the engineers' request to establish a new independent system which, if granted, would have caused grave disorders in the civil service where salaries are calculated according to a different principle. The Civil Service Union claims that it cannot allow a professional engineer to get a much larger salary than his nominal superior in the service.

Attending the Central Committee meeting yesterday were representatives of the engineers, the technicians and the civil service unions.

The committee unanimously decided to call on the unions not to strike today.

## PRICES ROSE 14% IN 1972

Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

The price of consumer goods and services soared by 14 per cent during 1972, according to end-of-the-year tables released yesterday by the Central Bureau of Statistics. They had increased 13 per cent during 1971.

The statistics also show that the average price of imports went up by 18 per cent, or more than local prices.

The Gross National Product increased by 9.5 per cent in real terms. Private consumption rose by 5 per cent per capita, after a zero increase in 1970, and 1.5 per cent in 1971. The Government's expenditure fell slightly by 1.5 per cent — but this was caused by smaller defence imports. Civilian expenditure in the public sector rose by 8 per cent.

Investments remained buoyant, with a 10 per cent increase over 1971. Excluding ships and aircraft (where outlay tumbled from IL675m. to IL105m.), other investments rose by 22 per cent.

"Biggest advance was in housing, up by 28 per cent (Volume has doubled in the three years since 1969.) Purchase of machinery and equipment in the country increased by 22 per cent during 1972. (All figures are in real terms, allowing for the increase in prices.)

Exports rose by 14 per cent and imports by 3 per cent — due partly, again, to a decline in defence imports, after peak figures in 1971. The trade gap thus narrowed slightly. However, civilian imports, excluding ships and aircraft, rose by 11 per cent. (Workers' Protest page 2)

## Terrorists joined Syria in attack

By HIRSH GOODMAN  
Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

Terrorists took an active part in the shelling of Israeli settlements and positions on the Golan Heights from Syria on Saturday. According to the Middle East News Agency, which quoted a Palestinian spokesman in a report from Cairo, two terrorist units shelled Israeli positions in the central sector with Katyusha rockets and heavy mortars.

If true, this is the first time that there has been coordination between Arab army regulars and terrorist units in an attack on Israel. Previously the Syrians confined their support of the terrorist movements to the supply of weapons and to providing cover in terrorist operations against Israel.

According to the Palestinian spokesman, two terrorist units — one named after the late Hameen Kurdi and the other after the late Ahmad Maatuk — "fired artillery rockets and mortars at Israeli positions causing the enemy on the occupied Golan Heights to suffer heavy casualties." Both apparently fired at what the spokesman called the Tel-Ali-Zurman area in the central sector of Israel's northern frontier with Syria.

On Saturday night the Syrians shelled Israeli positions along the entire frontier for more than two hours, in what they said was retaliation for an air attack on Syrian army and terrorist concentrations

the previous Wednesday. Following the bombardment Israeli planes hit a Syrian army camp 150 kilometers inside Syrian territory. Since Saturday night the border has remained quiet.

Israel has denied that there were casualties among either army personnel or on civilian settlements — as a result of the Syrian attack.

If the terrorists did indeed take part in the attack on Saturday then the level of cooperation between the Syrians and the terrorist movements is far deeper than previously thought.

An operation such as Saturday's had to be planned and coordinated by one central command.

## Mines found on Golan

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

An Israeli patrol found two mines planted on a dirt track east of Nahal Golan on the Golan Heights yesterday morning. The mines were removed by army sappers before they could cause any damage.

It is supposed that the mines were planted by terrorists who had infiltrated from Syria, but it was not clear exactly when this was done.

Apart from this the border with Syria remained quiet yesterday, and roads were opened to all traffic.

## ONE CAUGHT IN SEARCH FOR TERROR GANG

Jerusalem Post Staff

Security forces yesterday captured one member of a suspected five-man Arab infiltration gang from Lebanon that aimed at carrying out sabotage operations in Nahariya.

Using helicopters and track dogs, security forces trapped the terrorist in the Beit Netufa valley, about 15 kms. north of Nazareth. The terrorist team apparently crossed the border at Hanita last Wednesday.

A massive search was still going on around Nazareth yesterday for the two remaining terrorists. The other two apparently returned to Lebanon last week.

The man captured was reportedly identified as a prominent Nazareth-born terrorist who fled Israel in 1961 to escape criminal charges. He was caught near an Arab village.

Security forces have been on an unprecedented alert since learning that Lebanon-based terrorists were planning to send groups to Israel to make attacks during the Christmas and New Year holidays and there have been roadblocks on the

Hakfa-Nahariya and Acre-Safad roads. As soon as trucks of five booted men were found last week near Hanita the surrounding area was closed and then combed by soldiers and police, using helicopters and track dogs.

The track dogs complicated the search, but the infiltrators' trail was followed for a distance along the Galilee terrain. There were signs that two of the five had turned back to Lebanon. Security forces did not rule out the possibility that the other men were taken to a hiding place by vehicle.

## RABIES IN MANAGUA

MANAGUA (Reuters). — Police with rifles were yesterday rounding up and killing stray dogs and cats scavenging in Managua's ruins as an outbreak of rabies brought fresh horror to the earthquake-shattered Nicaraguan capital.

The chief of the Nicaraguan Red Cross, Jorge Cardenas, said several people were being treated in field hospitals for rabies after being bitten by cats or dogs.

He said the outbreak posed a serious danger to relief workers and survivors of the earthquake who are camped on the outskirts of the city.

Nicaragua's ruler, General Anastasio Somoza, said that the people of Managua would have to remain away from their homes for at least six months, but the city would be rebuilt.

## Bomb parcels in Jordan

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

The Jordanian authorities have discovered two explosive parcels addressed to two Jordanian dignitaries, Amman's "As-Sabah" newspaper said yesterday.

The newspaper did not name the two men, but indicated that they were members of previous governments. The parcels were posted from an Arab capital, it said.

This was the second time explosive parcels were addressed to the two dignitaries, the paper said. Late last September the authorities discovered four letter bombs at the main post office in Amman. The names of the addressees were not disclosed at that time either.

## Pamphlet-bombs hurt three in Lisbon

LISBON (AP). — Ten small bombs packed with pamphlets exploded on Sunday afternoon and night amid New Year revelers in Lisbon, the police reported yesterday.

The leaders attacked the regime of Premier Marcello Caetano. Three children were injured in the explosions.

## Lod instead of U.K.

LONDON (Reuters). — Fourteen London-bound passengers on a Jumbo jet from New York found themselves being flown on to Lod yesterday because of the worst fog at London Airport for three years.

## AIR WAR IS HALTED

## Vietnam peace talks to resume today

U.S. and North Vietnamese technical experts return to the conference table in Paris today following President Nixon's decision to halt the massive, 12-day-old bombing of North Vietnam.

The talks are regarded as preparatory to the major discussions between U.S. presidential envoy Henry Kissinger and Hanoi envoy Le Duc Tho due to resume here next Monday.

A halt to the bombing over the 20th parallel, including the capital, Hanoi, and Haiphong port, and a resumption of the peace talks which broke down two weeks ago were announced by the White House three days ago. Confirmation came yesterday from North Vietnam, which said it had agreed to resume the peace talks with the U.S. following the bombing halt.

At today's talks, the experts are expected to work out protocols to implement a basic peace agreement.

A Washington report says that as a prelude to resuming peace negotiations in Paris, Dr. Kissinger plans intensive talks with President Nixon. The White House said that Kissinger would return to Washington from Southern California today for talks with the President.

## STUDENTS IN CAIRO MAY PROTEST IN STREETS

By ANAN SAFADI, Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

Disident university students in Cairo and Alexandria threatened yesterday to go onto the streets to protest against a recent government crackdown on the campus.

Students at Cairo University, Egypt's largest academic institution, were due last night to decide on what action to take after their three-day sit-in strike. One report said that the students were considering marching to parliament, probably today, to demand the release of over 100 persons who were recently arrested in a government move against opposition circles on Egyptian campuses.

The students were gathering at the Cairo University's Gamal Abdel-Nasser hall last night in defiance of the government, which banned student meetings there. The students had earlier broken into the Nasser hall, which was looked by the university authorities, on government orders, on Sunday.

Egyptian government sources said yesterday that the police had been instructed to take drastic measures if the students carried out street demonstrations. So far the students at the universities of Cairo, Elin Shams and Alexandria had confined their protests to sit-in strikes at campuses.

University students were reported to have boycotted their faculties for the third day running yesterday. Their protests erupted on Saturday following the disclosure of a wave of arrests which began on Thursday night shortly after President Sadat had warned in parliament against the mounting anti-government criticism on Egyptian campuses.

The student unrest has come at the height of an unprecedented outburst of anti-government criticism in various political circles, including parliament.

The criticism has demonstrated a mounting non-confidence in the regime of President Sadat, whose moves are being viewed as mere manoeuvres to maintain himself in power.

The students have been disturbed by the Sadat course of government since May 1971 when the Egyptian President conducted a massive crackdown against his political opponents. The students demonstrated further irritation later the same year when Sadat's promise to turn 1971 into a decisive year for the Middle East conflict produced nothing.

Although the student unrest is unlikely to threaten Sadat's regime at this stage, the situation could become dangerous if the students decide to go to the streets, and light a spark to the general mood of frustration.

## 'Strong chance' cease-fire will continue this year — Eban

Foreign Minister Abba Eban said last night that he believed attempts would be made early this year to explore the possibility of a Suez Canal settlement, as a first phase in a possible overall peace settlement between Israel and Egypt. He was speaking in a special New Year's broadcast over Israel Radio's evening news programme in English.

Mr. Eban did not say who would initiate such attempts, nor did he venture to forecast what the results might be.

The Foreign Ministry said he believed there was "a strong chance" the cease-fire would be maintained in the coming year. "Whether we go beyond that into negotiations for peace, that of course is the central question. I can only ask it — I can't answer it," he said.

## Niger party says Israel embassy 'inopportune'

NIAMEY, Niger (AP). — The ruling political party of the Central African republic of Niger said yesterday that it considered the representation of Israel here as "inopportune."

The statement by the Progressist Party, Niger's only party, followed an announcement made by the Israel government to the Niger government that it would close its embassy in Niamey for "financial and administrative reasons."

It also asked for a "just solution" of the Middle East conflict which would primarily take account of the rights of the Palestinian people and of our solidarity with our brother people of Egypt."

The Niger statement follows by one day Congo Brazzaville's decision to break diplomatic relations with Israel. Niger is bordered on the north by Algeria and Libya, and on the east by Chad, which broke relations with Israel last year.

The Foreign Ministry had no comment on the Niger statement.

ANNOUNCEMENT TO ENGINEERS, TECHNOLOGISTS (HANDASAHIM), AND TECHNICIANS  
General Federation of Labour in Eretz Israel  
Engineers Association  
Association of Engineering Technologists (Handasahim) and Certified Technicians

At the last moment, the Ministry of Finance has refused to consider the compromise proposal it has put forward, and which we have accepted, and has thereby prevented the signing of the new labour agreements for 1972/73 and 1973/74. As a protest against this arbitrary step, and as a warning against the deterioration in labour relations, which may be foreseen, the authorized institutions of the Engineers Association and of the Association of Engineering Technologists (Handasahim) and Certified Technicians have decided to declare a

## NATIONAL WARNING STRIKE

The strike will last one day, and it will take place on Tuesday, January 2, 1973, starting at 10 a.m.

The strike is intended to demonstrate the deep resentment of the united engineers, technologists, and technicians

— against the attempt arbitrarily to tie up to new groups of workers, in contravention of detailed undertakings of the Government and the Histadrut

— against the Government's reneging on its acceptance of the new grading scale

— against the Histadrut's disregard of the most vital interests of its members

— as a warning to the Government against deterioration in labour relations and of the danger of a strike which would be both needless and damaging to the country's utilities, and would cause hardship to the general public

On January 2, 1973, the day of the strike, members will be holding PROTEST AND INFORMATION MEETINGS

These will start at 11 a.m., and will be held at the following places:

Jerusalem: Beit Me'ana, Rehov Ben-Zion

Tel Aviv: Beit Me'ana, Rehov Ben-Zion

Bene-Haim: Beit Me'ana

Engineers, technologists, and technicians are called upon to give expression to their protest and to demonstrate their organized strength by abstaining from participation in the strike, and to ensure attendance at the meetings.

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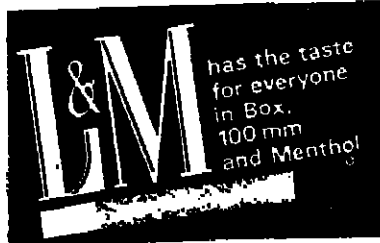
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## THE WEATHER

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Weather Synopsis: A ridge extends from the Balkans to the east Mediterranean.

	Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
	Humidity	Min.-Max.	Forecast
Jerusalem	16	2-7	6-7
Golan Heights	20	3-7	6-7
Nahariya	20	1-7	1-7
Safed	22	0-7	1-7
Haifa Port	21	0-6	1-6
Tiberias	20	0-6	1-6
Nazareth	19	0-5	1-5
Afula	20	1-4	1-4
Shomron	20	1-4	1-4
Tel Aviv	20	2-12	2-12
Lod Airport	20	2-12	2-12
Jericho	27	1-7	1-7
Gaza	30	3-15	3-15
Berzabeh	27	0-13	0-13
Eilat	17	8-17	17-17
Tirau Straits	33	14-22	12-22

## Social and Personal

President Zalman Shazar yesterday received Mr. R.P. Hammer, Premier of the State of Victoria in Australia, and his wife; and Ernestina De Noble, owner of the Buenos Aires newspaper "Clarín."

British Member of Parliament Greville Gifford called yesterday on Absorption Minister Nathan Peled in Jerusalem.

Mr. Jack Jones, general secretary of the British Transport Workers Union, and Mrs. Jones yesterday called on the Minister of Labour, Mr. Yosef Almog.

Mr. David Ben-Gurion paid a call on the Canadian Embassy in Tel Aviv yesterday to express his condolences on the death of the former Canadian Prime Minister, Mr. Lester Pearson.

The Police Inspector-General, Rav-Nitzan Shaul Rosolio, yesterday officially invested Tat-Nitzan Haim Tavori with the command of the Southern Police District. Tat-Nitzan Tavori replaces Tat-Nitzan Aharon Chelouch, who has retired from the force. Present at yesterday's ceremony were senior Southern District police officers.

The Mayor of Jerusalem, Mr. Teddy Kolek, met yesterday with a delegation of volunteers of the Jerusalem Wizo Branch, headed by Mrs. Aya Dinstein, chairman of World Wizo, to help launch the 1973 fund-raising drive.

A chair in computer sciences, named after the donor, Mr. George Farkas of New York, has been established at the Technion. Prof. Abraham Ginsburg, Dean of the Department, has been appointed first incumbent.

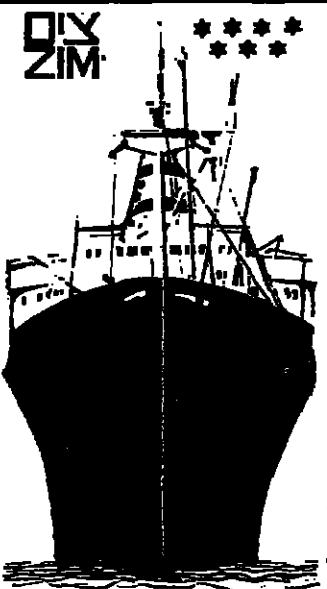
Mr. Carl Albert, executive vice-chairman of the Technion Board of Governors, will speak on "Looking for Jews in Singapore" at 5.45 p.m. on Tuesday, January 9, at Mosadon Hasoleh, 124 Sderot Hanassi, Haifa. The programme, sponsored by A.A.C.I., is open to the public.

## ARRIVALS

Abraham Goldwasser of the Manufacturers Association, from New York, where he visited on behalf of the forthcoming Jerusalem Economic Conference.

## Habimah actors' wage agreement

Tel Aviv. — Habimah actors will get a basic IL\$75 to IL\$1,650 monthly salary and will have to play 16 to 26 shows per month (depending on grade). These are the terms of their recently signed wage agreement, announced yesterday by the Habimah. The salary for actors in the national theatre company goes according to grade, and those with four years' seniority in the three upper grades will also get a professional literature allowance. All actors on the permanent payroll will be insured in a pension fund. Annual leave will be up to 10 days.



## CARGO VESSELS EXPECTED

AT HAIFA PORT	
BUGHWERDERSAND	2.1
IDDAN	3.1
PINGUIN	4.1
ALBION	7.1
AT ASHDOD PORT	
M. CLOUD	2.1
ORIENTVILLE	3.1
ALBION	4.1
PINGUIN	7.1
AT ELAT PORT	
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DAHLIA	3.1

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Nissim Elhad (L.P.), Avraham Verdiger (Poale Aguda), Zelman Shoval (State List) and Uri Avneri (Ha'olam Haseh) at a press conference at Tel Aviv's Beit Sokolow Sunday night, where they expressed their points of view on the surplus votes bill. (Hermann)

## KNESSET UPROAR

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bined debate, and 39 against, with four abstentions.

The Labour-Mapam Alignment was joined by part of the N.R.P. in assuring a combined debate, while the small opposition factions were joined by Gahal in their vain bid to prevent it. The four abstainers belonged to the N.R.P.

When this procedural tangle — compounded by the Speaker's close adherence to the Alignment line — was sorted out, the three no-confidence motions were presented in turn amid a flow of interruptions and abusive references to the surplus votes bill.

The State List's Yigal Horowitz called for no-confidence in the Government because of the problem of strikes and labour relations; the New Communists' Tewfik Toubi because of the transfer of Arab refugees from the Gaza Strip camps; and the Free Centre's Eliezer Shostak because of the wave of price rises.

The three main opposition speakers were followed by a general debate in which each faction expressed its views on the various no-confidence motions at will.

Because of the procedure forced on the House by the Alignment, the resulting debate was a confusing hotchpotch of comments on the three unrelated subjects which made no parliamentary sense.

Justice Minister Y. S. Shapira, the senior Minister present at a very tightly attended Cabinet table, took the podium to speak on behalf of the Government. He said that no precedent existed for three factions to coordinate the tabling of simultaneous motions of no-confidence, as the State List, the New Communists and the Free Centre had.

No-confidence was a sharp weapon, he said, to be used in connection with a government's actions or omissions, but not with regard to a parliamentary measure which in fact was due to follow after the no-confidence debate in the surplus votes bill.

In the no-confidence debate Members made the following points:

- Yigal Horowitz (State List): The big two factions seek to create a cloak of legality to cover up their parliamentary violence.

- Tewfik Toubi (New Communists): The occupation authorities are interested in annexation, not in the good of the Arab refugees.

- Eliezer Shostak (Free Centre): Had the Badar-Ofir surplus votes proposal been in force in the 1969 elections the Alignment and Gahal would have stolen 70,000 votes and divided them up between them.

- Yoram Eridor (Gahal): The value of the lira has collapsed entirely and prices of some items have risen as much as 50 per cent since 1969.

- Shlomo Lorincz (Agudat Israel): The Speaker's refusal to allow a Member to speak on a point of order is a blow against parliamentary decency and a contravention of the House Rules.

- Zelman Shoval (State List): The majority of the public wants the

Gaza Strip to come under Israeli sovereignty.

- Uri Avneri (Ha'olam Haseh): The spirit of parliamentary gangsterism walks abroad in the Knesset today.

- Shalom Cohen (Independent): The surplus votes law is a symptom of a dangerous national disease which may have its roots in the continued occupation of the territories.

- Meir Avizhar (Independent): The way the House Committee combined these three no-confidence motions is an insult to the Knesset's intelligence.

- Meir Wilner (New Communists): We have only heard procedural excuses from the Justice Minister — no real reply to the no-confidence motions.

- Elhanan Kahana (Poale Aguda): The injustice of the proposal is that it allows the giant factions to enjoy the surplus.
- Shmuel Mikunis (Communists): I don't understand why the big parties are in such a hurry. Why couldn't they wait just one week?

At this point the Justice Minister asked for the podium to reject Uri Avneri's attacks on Attorney-General Meir Shamgar for allegedly giving legal opinions to suit the majority.

Mr. Shamgar reminded Mr. Avneri that once when he had had a law suit with another Knesset Member he used Mr. Shamgar's legal advice to great advantage.

(The Justice Minister's reference was to Rabbi Menahem Formai's suit against the "Ha'olam Haseh" weekly, edited by Avneri, for its faked photomontage allegedly showing the Rabbi chatting with a bare-bosomed beauty.)

Five hours after the session began the State List no-confidence motion on strikes was voted down by 65 against 23 with seven abstentions; the New Communists' motion on the Gaza camps was voted down by 96 against six with no abstentions; and the Free Centre motion on price rises was voted down by 65 against ten with 26 abstentions.

## HIGH COURT TO HEAR PLEA THIS MORNING

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter  
Ha'olam Haseh's Uri Avneri filed a plea in the High Court yesterday for an order calling on the Knesset Speaker to show cause why he should not have the three no-confidence motions debated separately.

Supreme Court President Shimon Agranat decided that the plea would be heard this morning before a bench of three Justices, but did not hand down an interim order barring yesterday's debate, as Ha'olam Haseh requested.

Mr. Avneri argued that President Agranat's action was enough to render the debate *sub judice*, and that therefore it must be postponed till after the High

## Water cuts may be necessary

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The level of Lake Kinneret is now at its lowest in 15 years. The water balance situation will become critical unless there is a climatic change in the next few days. Mr. Kantor, the Water Commissioner, warned yesterday.

Reporting to the Knesset Economic Committee, he said that, in view of the grave situation, there would be no choice but to review the entire water supply system and its various consumer categories in order to institute "extensive cuts in all possible ways."

## What caused the phones to break down in J'lem?

Confusion reigned yesterday over what had caused a major breakdown in many Jerusalem telephone lines, which left many citizens fuming at their unresponsive phones. All telephone numbers beginning with 3 were cut off, among others.

City Hall spokesman Yitzhak Grossman denied a Communications Ministry report that the breakdown was caused by a burst water line which flooded the telephone cables. "I am surprised the Ministry spokesman makes announcements without first checking their accuracy," Mr. Grossman snapped.

He added that, as far as the Municipality knew, the mishap was caused by a burst water heater on the roof of the main post office building on Jaffa Road.

The assistant Post Office spokesman, Danny Ever, told him that, as far as he knew, it wasn't a water heater but a water line inside the building that had burst. He denied that the Ministry spokesman had blamed the Municipality for this.

Meanwhile, Post Office technicians were hard at work last night drying out the telephone cables. It was hoped that service would return to normal by this morning. (Him)

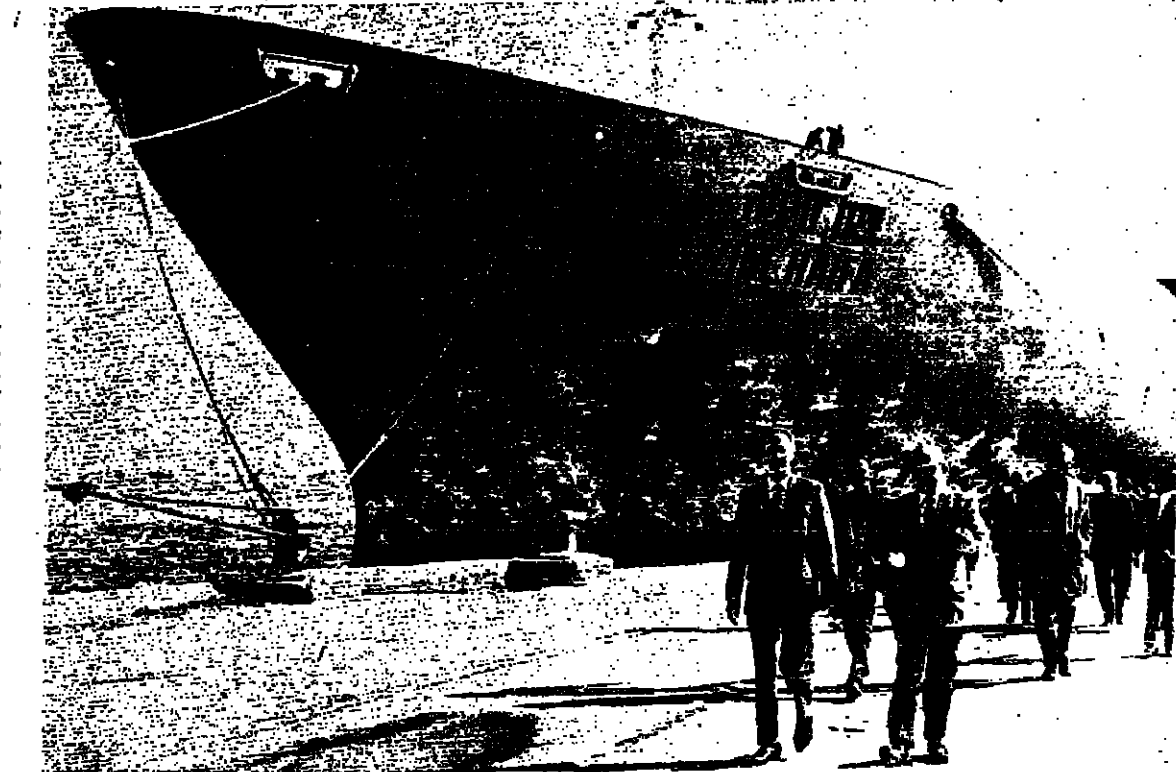
## After controls lifted Workers protest rising prices

Jerusalem Post Staff

Workers in several factories and institutions in the Tel Aviv region left their jobs for two hours yesterday to protest what their leaders called "the continuing rise in prices."

Their move came just one day after price controls were lifted from hundreds of items, as a result of three executive orders signed by the Minister of Commerce and Industry, Haim Bar-Lev.

A Post reporter who visited the Commerce and Industry Ministry's consumer complaint office in Jerusalem was told, "It has been a quiet day, with hardly any complaints. But even if some merchants



Communications Minister Shimon Peres (front left in group) and Ports Authority chief Aharon (next to him) led the welcoming party at Haifa Port yesterday for the Zim Haifa — the container ship to fly Israel's colours. (The new ship was not affected by yesterday's strike.) G

## Academics settle; doctors threaten

## Marine officers paralyse ports in 24-hour warning strike

Jerusalem Post Staff

No ships moved in or out of Israel's ports yesterday and there were delays in movement of cargo, as the newly formed Marine Officers' Union put into action a 24-hour strike. Port pilots are members of the Union and took part in the strike.

Captain Zvi Shimon of the Marine Officers' Union said that they would "consider" what further steps to take to exert pressure on the

Histadrut to extend their recognition. The new union broke away from the Histadrut Seamen's Union a month ago. They are striking for Histadrut recognition.

In Haifa yesterday, work was suspended on three Zim freighters — Eyal, Dor and Doron. Other ships in the port, all of them foreign vessels, were not affected. The new Zim Haifa container vessel had already been unloaded when the strike broke out.

Transport Minister Shimon Peres told newsmen that the Government had not intervened in the dispute, because it considered it a "Histadrut problem" and no government was eager to interfere in trade union affairs. He had agreed, however, to the officers' request to meet them, after he had consulted the Histadrut. Although he did not dispute the idea of a separate union out of hand, he considered it preferable to have fewer unions and works committees. The smaller the organization, the narrower the view it would take, he said.

A spokesman for the Histadrut Trade Union Department yesterday expressed regret over the strike. The Histadrut has appointed a committee to investigate the officers' claim to establish a separate union, because other groups in the Sea men's Union have opposed the move. Only after the committee completes its report will the Central Committee be able to rule in the matter, he said.

## ACADEMICS ACCORD

Meanwhile, details were released yesterday of the agreement reached Sunday night between Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir and the Union of Humanities and Social Science Graduates. Civil servants belonging to this union will get an average 18 per cent salary increase, with the

base pay starting at IL\$65 IL\$1,000, with the cost-of-living benefit. Other benefits, including cost-of-living allowance to later this month, will add an average 10 per cent to their wages.

KUPAT HOLIM DOCTORS  
The Organization of Kups Doctors served notice yesterday they would declare another dispute on January 15 if by then an agreed committee is not to deal with their demands.

The doctors, whose strike November was cut off by back-to-work order, are demanding that a physician be appointed to Kupat Holim. On Sunday they called off their current work in a compromise agreement in the Supreme Court.

A Kupat Holim spokesman said the demand for a committee "neither the demand for a committee nor a threat to a work dispute" had been He hoped the doctors would meet soon with the Kupat Holim Committee "to discuss outstanding problems." But there already existed an committee which was discussing reorganization of Kupat Holim if this committee were not to the doctors they would wait and see its recommendations. In Petah Tikva, a month at Omega dry cleaning plant yesterday when the management agreed to sign a new labour agreement which yields to workers' demands. The demands will continue to be negotiated, according to the agreement.

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Widow of Dr. Shlomo Grossman

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# Haifa fire destroys 20 tons of seed

**HA'AGOV FRIEDLER**  
— Fire caused heavy damage to Haifa's seed company's seed storage silos, installations on Road here yesterday after a fire, sparked by a fault in a high tower, quickly swept the structure. Two men working on the roof, blown unharmed with the flames. No one was hurt.

The fire started about half past five, when the seed company's seed drying and cleaning department was in operation. The company's seed drying and cleaning department was in operation. The company's seed drying and cleaning department was in operation.

## Year for on and knifing conviction

**HA'AGOV FRIEDLER**  
— A Haifa man was sentenced to a year in prison for a conviction on a charge of on and knifing. The man was sentenced to a year in prison for a conviction on a charge of on and knifing.

## Year in jail for car thief

**HA'AGOV FRIEDLER**  
— A 25-year-old Ashdod man was sentenced to a year in prison for a conviction on a charge of car theft. The man was sentenced to a year in prison for a conviction on a charge of car theft.



**INSCRIPTIONS REVEAL** — This is the name of the exhibition of ancient inscriptions opening this evening at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem. The exhibition includes the first findings from the dig at the Temple Mount area in the Old City. The 300 inscriptions range from an 8-millennium coin—the first to be minted in Jerusalem—to a large mosaic floor. Above (left) is an incense shovel from the third century C.E. The source is unknown. The inscription, in Greek, reads, "Good luck to the purchaser." On the right is a lead weight, made in Gaza in 23 C.E. The inscription, which runs also on the reverse side (not shown in this photograph) reads: "Year 86—second half of the year, by Alexander, son of Alypcus, market supervisor." This object is on loan to the Museum from the private collection of Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem.

## Iranian olim end Lod Airport housing strike

**LOD AIRPORT** — Three Iranian immigrant families on a sit-down strike here for the past 11 days agreed yesterday morning to leave and move in with relatives.

They gave up their strike after what was described as the intervention of airport authorities and police. The families, with a total of 11 children, had asked to be sent to Be'er Brak or Or Yehuda. The Absorption Ministry told them they could only have flats in Kiryat Simona, Dimona or Hadera.

They will be staying with relatives in the southern part of the country until a suitable housing solution can be found. (Itim)

## Knesset body: More housing needed in J'lem

**JERUSALEM POST REPORTER**  
The Knesset Interior Committee has called for a five-year plan to build 20,000 additional housing units in Jerusalem.

The Committee, which had been investigating reported delays in building in the Capital, saw the need for improved coordination between the local and district planning committees and the need to speed up the processing of building proposals. At the same time, the Committee said the "unique character" of Jerusalem construction must be preserved.

The number of buildings completed in the Capital rose from 1,561 in 1968 to 3,320 in 1970. Last year, 3,730 units were completed in the first nine months. (Itim)

# Shazar Prizes awarded to two new-immigrant writers

**By ERNIE MEYER**  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Writers Lionel Davidson and Yitzhak Mer were at Beit Hanassi in Jerusalem yesterday afternoon to receive the 1972 Shazar Prize for writers. The third prize winner—playwright Hanoch Levin, author of the controversial "Queen of the Bathhouse"—was not present to accept his award.

Master of ceremonies Dr. M. Michman of the Education Ministry, referring to Mr. Levin's absence, said "the playwright is apparently boycotting the ceremony because of a press notice indicating that President Shazar had intervened in the selection of the winners—probably not in his favour."

Dr. Michman said he regretted Mr. Levin's absence and his apparent refusal to accept the prize. He added that the writer might have acted differently if he had checked the accuracy of the press report.

Congratulating the winners, President Shazar mentioned Mr. Levin's absence and indicated that he had not in any way influenced the deliberations of the awards committee.

A statement issued by the President's office later said no decision had been made in view of Mr. Levin's apparent refusal to accept his award, and that the prize may still go to him.

Mr. Lionel Davidson was a best-selling author of thrillers and novels in England before settling here in 1968. He received the prize for his novel "Making Good Again," "A Long Way to Shiloh," and "Smith's Gazette."

The award to Yitzhak Mer, a recent immigrant from Vilna, was for his book "A Draw With Death" (Hebrew: Teku im hamavet). Written originally in Lithuanian, the book was published in Hebrew by Ozer Publishers and the Association of Bergen-Belsen Survivors.

The award to Hanoch Levin was for his satirical Hebrew play "Hefetz."

The panel choosing the award winners was headed by Mendel Kohnsky, The Jerusalem Post's theatre critic.

Education Minister Yigal Alon presented the prizes to the winners. Absorption Minister Nathan Peled and many writers and poets were in the audience at Beit Hanassi.

The annual Shazar Prizes for a prose writer, a poet and a playwright were established by the Government in 1969.



## Areas chief, Shlomo Gazit, raised to aluf

**Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent**  
The head of the Military Government Department in the General Staff and coordinator of activities for the administered territories, Tat-Aluf Shlomo Gazit, was yesterday promoted to the rank of aluf (major-general). Since he assumed the post in August 1967, Aluf Gazit has been promoted three times—an achievement topped only by former Chief Army Chaplain Shlomo Goren, who was promoted four times while holding the same post.

Aluf Gazit, 48, was born in Turkey and arrived in Israel in 1933. In 1944 he joined the Palmach and later, during the War of Independence, he served with the Sixth Battalion.

In 1954, when incumbent Defence Minister Moshe Dayan was appointed Chief of Staff, Gazit was named as his bureau chief—a post he held for a year. After graduating from the French Staff College in 1956, he remained in Paris as assistant attaché, returning to Israel in 1958.

Until his last appointment Aluf Gazit held senior posts in the General Staff and the Golani Brigade, and during the Six Day War served as a senior officer in Army Intelligence.

Aluf Gazit's brother, Mordechai, is Director-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

## Former Asherov murder suspect fined for currency offence

**TEL AVIV** — Tel Aviv bar owner Yosef Laria and his sister, wife of Shlomo Laria, were fined IL7,500 and IL2,500 respectively yesterday for possession of foreign currency.

The prosecution told the District Court here that the police found the money—\$1,070 and \$8,000 French francs—concealed in the kitchen of Stella Laria's flat. Laria claimed he bought the money from a Rehov Lithuanian trader.

The defence counsel said the case would never have come to court were it not the fact that the bar owner had been a suspect in the murder of Han Asherov, a former employee of his who was shot to death last February in an underworld vendetta. (Laria is also currently on trial for allegedly extorting large sums of money from Dr. Yehuda Luria, a famous doctor and food technologist.)

The defence counsel said that under normal circumstances a person caught in illegal possession of foreign currency pays a fine for each dollar and is required to exchange the money into Israeli currency.

This argument was rejected by Judge Abraham Kischin, who commented dryly: "I can't help but feel that the legislator in this country takes currency violations quite seriously." (Itim)

## All because he was late to dinner...

**HAIFA** — Entangled in a web of lies which started when he was late to dinner at his girlfriend's home, a young man from Holon has been charged by the Haifa Police with impersonating an Air Force pilot and falsely reporting his own death.

Police sources said the story started last October, when a 22-year-old man complained his brand-new Peugeot was stolen. He said he had been on his way to his girlfriend's home in the Haifa Eshkol area when his car broke down. He left it by the side of the road and hitched a ride to the house, because he was already late. When he returned with the girl's father the next morning to have the car towed to a garage—it was gone, he claimed.

The police set the usual machinery into operation but discovered there was no Peugeot registered under the license number given by the young man. The police investigation continued—but now along different lines.

Last week another young man appeared at Haifa Police headquarters and asked the police to drop the investigation into the stolen car since the owner, his friend, had been killed in an Air Force accident.

He claimed that the "pilot's" girlfriend had been informed of his death and learning about it as a result of the police investigation would cause her anguish.

More suspicious now than before, the police finally pieced together what they believe are the facts: The young man had fabricated the story of his car's breakdown as an excuse for his lateness to dinner. When his girlfriend's father offered to help him tow his car, he took the father to another spot to "discover" it had been stolen. As the police investigation threatened to expose his lie, he decided to break off ties with the girl by fabricating his own death.

Police said he will be charged with giving false information and impersonating an Air Force pilot. (Itim)

## Nablus-area farmers protest land takeover

**NABLUS** — Farmers from the Jordan Valley have applied for a permit to hold a "quiet march" later this month to protest the alleged closing-off of 40,000 dunams of their land by the army since the Six Day War.

A petition submitted to the Military Governor here, the protesters—who include such notables as former Mayor Hamdi Kan'an—said they want to hold the march on January 28, from Nablus City Hall to the Military Government headquarters, two kilometres away.

The authorities several months ago returned thousands of dunams of land to villagers which had been used as army training areas. It is learned that the current protest is over other lands not then released.



**Leaders' platform at Sunday's Herut Central Committee meeting in Tel Aviv** — party leaders (left) Haim Landau, Menachem Begin and Ezer Weizman sit under portraits of Ze'ev Jabotinsky and Ben-Zion. Mr. Begin, chairman of the Herut Movement, was elected chairman of the party at that meeting. The former chairman, Mr. Weizman (who resigned dramatically during the party convention), together with Mr. Landau formally proposed the nomination of Mr. Begin.

## Shlichim told to 'encourage immigration'

**JERUSALEM POST REPORTER**  
Jewish Agency chairman Arye Pincus called upon Agency emissaries yesterday to develop new methods of encouraging olim.

Addressing a conference of emissaries (shlichim) in Jerusalem, Mr. Pincus linked the decline in immigration with the increasing distance in time from the period of the Six Day War and the motivation that event inspired. After the war the U.S. declined from a peak of close to 10,000 in 1970 to 8,000 the following year and 6,000 last year. Another 6,000 are expected by the Agency next year.

Mr. Pincus called for a campaign against the attitude prevailing among some American Jews that they should not support the Jewish state, and for the Soviet Union justifies postponing olim from the U.S.

## Kupat Holim to build hospital in Netanya

**JERUSALEM POST REPORTER**  
NETANYA — Work is expected to start next year on Netanya's first hospital—a 145m. complex containing 700 beds, including 100 for chronic invalids.

This was announced here yesterday by Mayor Oved Ben-Ami and Reuven Kligler, manager of the Kupat Holim Emek Hefer and Samaria districts. The Municipality has allocated Kupat Holim 100 dunams of land for the hospital in the southern part of the city, and an additional 10 dunams nearby for a nursing school. Mr. Ben-Ami said. Another plot of land has been promised for housing quarters for medical staff.

The cost of building in the first stage will come to IL45m.—IL10m. each from Kupat Holim and the Municipality, and the rest from the Treasury, Health Ministry and Mifal Hapais; it was said.

## 2,000 strike for second-chance tests Technion 'won't yield' under student pressure

**JERUSALEM POST REPORTER**  
HAIFA — The Technion administration declared last night it would stand fast against the strike begun yesterday morning by first- and second-year students demanding a change in examination policy under the new credits system.

The 2,000 striking students want "second-chance" examinations within three weeks for those who fail their end-of-term tests. The Technion Students Council is to meet tonight to consider a call from first-year activists that the third- and fourth-year students, who are not under the credits system and thus not affected, join their boycott of studies.

The Student Council decided on the strike late Sunday night, immediately after the Technion Senate referred the "second-chance" idea to its steering committee. Technion president Alexander Goldberg, declaring last night that his school was "not a diploma mill," told the press that the Technion would not allow its students to dictate methods of study.

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## Excrement found on court files

**TEL AVIV** — Human excrement has been found on a number of old files stored in the Tel Aviv Court house basement.

The case came to light when a District Court Judge asked to see the file on an old case. Archive workers complained to police that they have been finding excrement on some of the files on District Court cases (but not on Magistrates' Court or execution-order records).

As the room is closed to the public there is some suspicion that the culprit is a courthouse employee. But police say so far their investigation has turned up nothing.

## ent olim donate 100 to playground

**TEL AVIV** — A group of 100 new immigrants from the U.S. have donated 100 to a playground for children in the crowded Katamon quarter.

## Fined IL1,000 for dangerous electric plugs

**TEL AVIV** — Holon's Electro-Sasson electrical goods plant and its owner, Avraham Sasson, were fined IL1,000 in Magistrate's Court here yesterday for making substandard electrical plugs.

Mr. Sasson admitted the charges. The Commerce and Industry Ministry representative had stressed in court that the plugs could have endangered human life. The defective plugs have been confiscated.

## '1,000 students in Haifa need financial support'

**JERUSALEM POST REPORTER**  
More than 1,000 students at Haifa University are in need of financial support, the acting president of the University, Eliezer Rafael, said last week. He spoke at the awarding of IL75,000 in scholarships—ranging from IL500 to IL2,200 each—to 72 students from a Bank Eshkol scholarship fund.

Mr. Rafael said scholarship funds for university students currently amount to IL450,000 a year. This means an average of IL450 per student, compared with a tuition fee of IL1,200 and a total cost of IL5,000 per year for one student's upkeep, including books and travel expenses.

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# SOVIET, CHINA 'COOLNESS' LED HANOI TO TALK

By K. O. THALMER  
LONDON (UPI). — The "relative aloofness" of Russia and China towards the American escalation of the Vietnam war was a major factor in Hanoi's readiness to return to the peace conference, diplomatic sources said yesterday.

The diplomats, who have close contacts with Hanoi, said the North Vietnamese regime was dismayed by the comparative reserve shown by Moscow and Peking to the stepped-up American bombing.

Hanoi leaders were said to have been dismayed by the fact that its two key allies limited themselves to verbal protests and condemnations of the U.S. Hanoi had perhaps expected its allies to give the U.S. an ultimatum to stop the bombing or face the possibility of a rupture in the policy of rapprochement.

Hanoi's emissaries who flew to Moscow and Peking were said to have sought a strong reaction against the American bombing.

Instead they received pledges of continuing support for North Vietnam and of more arms and aid, the sources said.

Both Russia and China were said to have told Hanoi it could count on their backing of North Vietnam's terms for a final political settlement.

But, according to the sources, they left little doubt that they continue to favour a settlement, and the sooner the better.

This was the posture taken by the two Communist giants last summer, when they quietly advised Hanoi to negotiate a settlement of the Vietnam war without much further delay.

Hanoi was irked at the time and

angrily told its friends that it would make its own decisions, according to the sources. Nevertheless they began negotiations not long afterwards.

The sources said that fresh arms supplies had indeed been sent lately to North Vietnam, chiefly by Russia.

The reports suggested that some of the missiles which brought down American B-52 strato-bombers may have been flown to Hanoi only recently, perhaps during the two-month suspension of American bombing north of the 20th parallel.

The diplomatic sources said that Hanoi was under no illusion that Russia and China, having opted for rapprochement with the U.S. had no wish to see their global policy frustrated. Both would keep up their public posture of support for Hanoi, but appeared to be anxious to get rid of the Vietnam problem and its disturbing pressures.

## Britain pays Malta dues, but not extra 10 per cent

LONDON. — The British government instructed the Bank of England to pay Malta a £3,500,000 instalment yesterday for the use of military facilities on the Mediterranean island.

The instalment was due under the March Anglo-Maltese agreement on the use of British bases on the Commonwealth island.

But Britain is not paying the extra sum that Maltese Prime Minister Dom Mintoff wants. Mr. Mintoff had asked for an additional 10 per cent payment as compensation for losses resulting from the flooding of the pound sterling last June.

He instructed the Maltese Central Bank not to accept yesterday's instalment unless it was accompanied by an additional 10 per cent.

Britain has refused to make additional payments because the March agreement does not provide for these.

However, Britain has made clear

that it will stick to the letter of the March agreement under which NATO countries, including Britain, pay Malta a total of £15m. annually for the use of the military facilities.

Britain's share of this total is £3,250,000 per year. The British government is keeping in close diplomatic touch with its NATO partners about developments.

Diplomatic sources said yesterday that other NATO countries might step in with voluntary contributions to avert a new crisis with Malta.

Italy, which has strong interests in the Mediterranean, may be among them.

British officials said the British government will not oppose any such unilateral action by a member or members of the alliance, made strictly on their own accord.

Mintoff has threatened that British forces on the island will be treated as "guests" if Britain does not pay up and will not be allowed to use the base. He had earlier also threatened that the British forces would have to leave by the end of March. (Reuter, UPI, AP)

## Terrorists shoot two Argentine policemen

BUENOS AIRES (AP). — Two policemen were shot and severely injured yesterday by urban guerrillas, police reported.

The federal police reported that ten armed men and several women in three cars surrounded a police post on the border between the federal capital and the province of Buenos Aires. They apparently tried to seize the policemen's weapons and uniforms, but the two officers resisted and were shot. Their condition was reported critical.

The terrorists fled in their cars. It is unknown whether they managed to seize any weapons.

Last week a terrorist group killed Rear Admiral Emilio Berisso, 50, former intelligence chief of the armed forces general staff.

## Weapons law takes effect in W. Germany

BONN (INA). — A strict new federal weapons law went into effect yesterday as West German authorities cracked down on weapons sales.

The new law covers all kinds of firearms, including some kinds of airguns, and also weapons such as blackjacks, knuckledusters and flick-knives.

The weapons law, supported by all parties, is the government's response to the rise in armed banditry, anarchy of the Baader-Meinhof type, and armed terrorism. It is hoped the law will reinforce stringent internal security measures in force since Baader-Meinhof activities and Palestinian terrorist attacks.

## Margaret Court, Newcombe win

MELBOURNE (Reuter). — Mrs. Margaret Court won the women's singles title in the Australian Open Tennis Championships here yesterday for the 11th time.

The 30-year-old Australian took 64 minutes to beat her 21-year-old compatriot, Evonne Goolagong, 6-4, 7-5, in one of her finest performances for many years. She said she had strained her stomach in the semi-final on Sunday, but she played with ruthless efficiency yesterday.

Yesterday's singles finals brought a double triumph for Australia, as the men's title also went to the favourite, John Newcombe. Newcombe, three times Wimbledon champion, won the title for the first time by defeating Pat Renshaw of New Zealand.



Young Japanese women throw coins at the Meiji Shinto shrine in Tokyo on New Year's Day, where a huge collection box is set up for donations. Policemen guarding the shrine wear plastic face protectors in case of bad shots. (AP radio photo)

## 'NEW THREE' TAKE FIRST FORMAL ACTIONS Wilson attack as U.K. joins Mart

By ROBERT TAYLOR  
BRUSSELS. — Britain, Ireland and Denmark, members of the Common Market since midnight, yesterday, carried out their first formal acts as E.E.C. states.

At brief separate ceremonies here, representatives of the three countries handed over letters to the Community Council of Ministers notifying it of acceptance of two sets of decisions. The first confirmed the nomination of the members of the E.E.C. executive commission agreed on by the nine countries last month. The second endorsed the necessary legal alterations to be made to the accession agreement because of the absence of Norway, which negotiated entry, although the terms were later rejected in a popular referendum.

The ceremonies, at the Council headquarters in the 15-storey Charlemagne Building in central Brussels, went virtually unnoticed. Only

a handful of journalists and cameramen were present as the representatives of the three drove in bright sunshine to the Charlemagne through the deserted New Year's Day streets of the community's capital.

Speaking of Britain's alignment with the Common Market, the Prime Minister, Edward Heath, said in a radio interview: "It is a tremendous moment, historic in every sense of the word."

But Labour opposition leader Harold Wilson said: "It cannot be an event which means Britain joins Europe without the support of the British people and on utterly crippling terms."

The Labour Party has charged that Britain's joining the Market will mean skyrocketing food prices, a heavy burden on the country's payments balance, the loss of national sovereignty and severe damage to the economies of such coun-

tries as New Zealand and Australia. An opinion poll taken for the B.B.C. showed the country split almost equally, with 38 per cent in favour of joining, 39 per cent against and 23 per cent "don't know."

For the Briton-in-the-street "joining Europe" means few immediate changes.

From January 23, British tourists returning from Common Market countries will be able to bring back more cigarettes, liquor and wines free of duty than in the past.

Subject to parliamentary approval of draft legislation already prepared by the Government, British workers will be able to take jobs in any other Market country as if they were citizens of that country. Workers from other member countries will be able to take jobs in Britain.

British firms can under Common Market rules against price-fixing and similar unfair competition. (Reuter, UPI)

## Engaged couple found dead on Irish border

DUBLIN (UPI). — A young engaged couple was found shot to death yesterday on a lonely road just inside the Republic's border with Northern Ireland, a police spokesman said.

He identified the victims as 25-year-old carpenter Oliver Boyce, from Clonmany in County Donegal, and Brenda Porter, 24, from Buncrana, Donegal. They were engaged to be married. Both were Catholics.

The victims had been driven to a lane about 200 meters off the main highway and shot through the head, police said. Their bodies were left on the road in the form of a cross, the girl sprawled on top of the man.

Local police heard about 15 shots and a woman screaming shortly before 2 a.m., the police spokesman said.

Police said they were checking reports the victims had been members of the Provisional wing of the Irish Republican Army but had been expelled a few days ago.

A spokesman for the Provisional I.R.A. denied it had any connection with the double slaying.

"We resent any suggestion that we were in any way involved in these killings," the spokesman said. "We do not make war on women."

The police and army yesterday issued revised figures for the bloodiest year in Northern Ireland's history.

They said 467 persons died violently in the six counties of Northern Ireland during 1972. That was more than double the total for the 2½ years from August, 1969, when the conflict between Ulster's one million Protestants and Irish-national Catholics claimed the first life.

Police said 323 civilians were killed in 1972, together with 103 troops of the British army, 24 members of the Ulster Defence Regiment militia and 17 policemen or police reservists.

Army spokesmen confirmed the army and militia figures.

In the entire period since August, 1969, police and army spokesmen said 678 persons had been killed — 472 civilians, 146 British soldiers, 29 militiamen and 31 policemen.

The Provisional wing of the I.R.A. said in a new year's message to British troops they would increase the violence in Ulster in 1973.

"You are imperialist foreigners, holding it over this last part of your inhuman and infamous empire," it said. "We guarantee that you will be fought with even greater vigour in the coming year."

## Japanese radical kills himself in prison cell

TOKYO (AP). — Tsuneo Mori, a student radical accused of leading a grisly kangaroo court which purged and killed 14 fellow members of the "United Red Army" last winter, was found dead yesterday in his prison cell, police said.

Police said Mori, 28, hanged himself with a towel in the private prison cell where he had been confined since last September. His trial was scheduled to open January 28.

Mori was arrested February 16 on Mt. Myogi, north of Tokyo, with three other radicals, another "Red Army" leader. Authorities said the two, acting as judge and prosecutor, sentenced their fellow radicals to death over ideological differences and matters of behaviour, ordering their followers to bury the condemned deep in the forest.

Kozo Okamoto and the other two Japanese who carried out the Lod massacre last summer were members of the "United Red Army."

Police said Mori, 28, hanged himself with a towel in the private prison cell where he had been confined since last September. His trial was scheduled to open January 28.

## Nicaragua relief plane crashes

SAN JUAN (UPI). — A DC7 passenger plane carrying five persons and relief supplies to earthquake-stricken Nicaragua plunged into the sea shortly after take-off from Puerto Rico Sunday night, the U.S. Coast Guard said.

A spokesman for the Puerto Rican Port Authority said a baseball-great, Roberto Clemente, died in the crash of the four-engine, propeller-driven plane.

Clemente, 33, was an 18-year veteran with the major league Pittsburgh Pirates. He was named the National League's Most Valuable Player in 1966 and won the National League batting title four times — in 1961, 1964, 1965 and 1967. He played in two World Series, in 1960 and 1971, and was named to the National League All-Star Team 12 times.

## Parkinson Law and the M.E. conflict

By DAVID LENNON

Jerusalem Post Correspondent  
LONDON. — The British A.C. Northcott Parkinson, issued a revised version of his famous "Parkinson's Law" which he says that it was that the Israelis headed a d for a cease-fire in their war in Egypt.

"Had they not done so would have captured Cairo would have had a settlement instead of a negotiated promise which could not be permanent," writes the whose humorous law of the cosmic self-multiplication of the bitter ring of truth.

In the new issue of "I Policy," the American qu Parkinson applies some principles to foreign affairs. His Rule Five stipulates: any too early interference armed conflict which would lead to a decisive result.

"On the outbreak of a twelve two countries the fashion is for every fool world to demand an instant fire. It should not be the our foreign policy to bloodshed as such: what want is a result which only produces stability.

"There is every likelihood this war (Arab-Israeli) fought again. Next time or for the logical conclusion the last cease-fire prevent.

The other rules which formulated are: Rule 1: ber that it takes more than you suppose, because processes are slow. Rule 2: Study the cause people would be confused if they had so about the location of the tries they were worried a Rule 3: Never give anyone because they despise you and black opponents.

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When the stumps were India had made 131 wickets down.  
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or hundred dentists, members of the Alpha Omega fraternity, gathered last week in Jerusalem to discuss the latest developments in dentistry. Philip Gillon discusses the newest thinking about the health with some members.



(Brain photo)

## Unique Prague collection for Jerusalem music library

By YOHANAN BOEHM  
 Jerusalem Post Music Editor

A UNIQUE collection of letters and other historical material pertinent to the musical scene in Prague after the First World War is being donated to the Music Library of the Jewish National and Hebrew University Library. The gift will be presented at a ceremony at 7 o'clock this evening in the presence of the family of the late donor, Georg Alter.

The material includes numerous letters and other items from Arnold Schoenberg, Anton Webern, Hanns Eisler, Erwin Stein, Eduard Steuermann, a whole history in letters of the famous Koller Quartet, photos from this important period and other items.

The collection is estimated to be worth millions of dollars. It is of particular value to Israel because although Schoenberg expressed the intention to bequeath his papers to Israel, they will probably find their final home in an American university which can find the money to pay for them.

The idea of creating a centre for twentieth century music around the complete Schoenberg collection in Jerusalem came to be thought because of the lack of interest of the Hebrew University authorities and their unwillingness to become involved in such an internationally important institution.

### ASTRONOMER

Georg Alter, an astronomer and a music lover, became an admirer of Arnold Schoenberg after hearing one of his works performed in Prague and decided to found a performing society similar to the one Schoenberg and his friends had established in Vienna. Though the society existed only from 1922-1924, Georg Alter actively promoted contemporary music until the Nazi occupation made further cultural activities impossible for him. He took his archives to London but returned to Czechoslovakia after the Second World War. In 1965, Mr. Alter came to Israel (he has some living in Jerusalem and Beit Yitzhak) with all his precious possessions. He had planned to contribute his share to the then planned centenary celebrations of the composer's birthday in 1974. He died two months ago, and his family has followed his wish by giving his collection to the Music Library.

## DALLAS DEFENCE DEVASTATED

BILLY Kilmer devastated Dallas' doomsday defence with razorsharp passing, including touchdown strikes of 15 and 45 yards to Charley Taylor, as the Washington Redskins smothered the Cowboys 26-3 Sunday to set up a National Football League Super Bowl confrontation with undefeated Miami.

After the Dolphins turned back the Steelers 21-17 in Pittsburgh to retain their American Conference title, the Redskins pushed the Cowboys almost to the limit in the National Conference Championship.

It was a stunning setback for the Cowboys who, as the NFL's defending champions by virtue of their 24-3 victory over Miami in Super Bowl VI, made it into this year's playoff as the NFC's wild card team with a 10-4 record, one game back of Washington in the Eastern Division.

When Kilmer wasn't beating Charlie Waters and the rest of the Dallas secondary, Larry Brown was bullying his way through and around the Cowboy line.

And when all else failed, Curt Knight was there, kicking field goals of 18, 39, 46 and 45 yards, making him seven for seven in these playoffs, a remarkable comeback from an erratic regular season. The four field goals also established an NFL playoff record.

But it was the defence that earned the loud cheers from the 53,129 fans in Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium.

As Washington, which had built a 10-3 halftime lead, piled it on in the fourth quarter, Staubach, named to start in place of quarterback Craig Morton, was reduced to scrambling for his life

## SPORTS ABROAD

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as he desperately sought out thoroughly-covered receivers. Kilmer finished with completion on 14 of 18 passes for 194 yards, seven of the tosses going to Taylor, who accounted for 146 of the yards.

Waters, incapable of covering Taylor, was victimized by Kilmer's 51-yard pass to the Dallas 21 in the second quarter and two plays later, by a 15-yarder to Taylor on a slant-in from the right for the first touchdown.

And when Waters left the game with a broken left arm in the third quarter, his successor, Mark Washington, had no more success as Taylor beat him down the right sideline for the 45-yard score in the 16-point final period.

## OFF-BEAT LOVE STORY

A synopsis of MINNIE AND MOSKOWITZ (Tchelet, Tel Aviv) would disclose that it is about two lonely misfits who meet, quarrel, make up and eventually marry. Sounds like pure Hollywood. But in the hands of writer-director John Cassavetes ("Faces," "Hush"), it turns into an off-beat comedy-romance that has credible if pitiable characters, unexpected situations and natural dialogue. The film shows acute observation and is also well acted.



At the Cinema

Gena Rowlands gives a sturdy and likeable performance as Minnie, who works in a Los Angeles museum and meets Moskowitz soon after her stormy love affair with a married man (John Cassavetes). Life is not as the movies set you up to believe, she complains, and there are several references to the differences between real life and illusion. Seymour Cassel is good as Seymour Moskowitz, a loud-voiced fellow who sports long hair and a heavy mustache and has absolutely no ambition. He is also Jewish, which plays no part in the plot other than it allows of the introduction of a Jewish mother (Katherine Cassavetes) who unlike most of her ilk, thinks her son is a bum and advises Minnie against marrying him.

The PEEPERS (Orly, Tel Aviv, Armon, Ramat Gan and Chen, Jerusalem) of Uri Zohar's latest film,

which he wrote as well as directed, are the peeping Toms who seem to be peering into the lives of women undressing in the beach cabins.

The two chief characters are Eli (Arik Einstein), who plays the electric guitar in a discotheque and neglects his loving little wife (Sima Eliahu) to pursue a toothy layabout called Dina (Mona Silberstein), and Mr. Goote (Uri Zohar) who runs a kiosk on the beach and pursues every woman or girl he sees. Both Eli and Goote are singularly unattractive characters in spite of the former's good looks. Then there is a fifteen-year-old whose peeping induces him to go in for the real thing.

I found the whole film completely pointless and tasteless. It is not amusing, although I suppose it is meant as a comedy addressed to the young Israeli audience. On the day of my visit the hall was pretty well filled with young people but there was no laughter except from two girls sitting next to me who giggled at the many suggestive gestures.

The music (Shalom Hanoch) is undistinguished but Adam Gruenberg's pastel-coloured photography is pleasant to the eye. S.W.

MGM has followed up its "Shaft" series with another almost all-black crime-thriller in "Cool Breeze" (Cinerama, Tel Aviv).

Newcomer Thelma Houston is convincing as the hero with a sense of black pride, who believes that the best way for his people to raise their status is to get capital for this purpose. He plans a three-million dollar diamond robbery, but not surprisingly is double-crossed by some of the less-principled "brothers" he recruits for the job.

Director Barry Pollack, who also wrote the original screenplay, has turned out a film strong in atmosphere, dialogue and characterization, which moves along at a fast pace. Particularly well done is the ingenious jewel robbery — with the four gang members involved disguised in weird masks — while one cannot remember a movie in which scenes at a police station ring more true.

He has also elicited first-class performances from his large cast, notably Lincoln Kilpatrick as a brutal black police lieutenant, and Judy Pace, who combines stunning beauty with acting ability in the role of the loyal girl-friend of one of the gang. J.L.

## Stop smoking — the only real answer to mouth cancer threat

MOST all kinds of smoking, whether of cigarettes, pipes, or cheroots — the only real answer to the threat of mouth cancer, says Philip Gillon, Professor of Pathology at the Royal Dental School of Copenhagen, consultant in the H.O. on the classification of the teeth and mouth, and director of two of WHO's Study Centres on tumours. The study shows that smoking causes cancer in the mouth, and that the smoke being inhaled is the cause of the cancer.

part of Iran and Afghanistan, they mix dry tobacco and lime into a dry powder and keep it in the floor of the mouth. But Islam obliges them to clean their mouths out many times a day; this reduces the harm done by tobacco. In the Far East, in lands such as Indonesia and Thailand, 100 million people chew betel-nut: they get tumours of the mouth only if they mix the nut with tobacco. Sniffing snuff has virtually died out, but some people chew it. So-called Copenhagen snuff, imported into the southern states of America, has a bad record, but the milder Gothenburg snuff, chewed in Denmark itself, seems to do little harm. Indians using a little clay pipe, called a chillum, also seem to escape tumours thereby.

The popular theory that pipes and cigars are better than cigarettes is not endorsed by Professor Pindborg, at any rate in respect of the mouth. "We have found in America that such smokers have a ten times higher incidence of cancer of the mouth."

### EXODUS

Professor Pindborg, a non-Jew, was president for five years of the Israel-Dutch Friendship League, has been a guest lecturer at the Dental School in Jerusalem, and has visited Israel many times. "I read 'Exodus' — I know many Israelis criticize its literary qualities, but I found it inspiring. Since then I've bought 500 books on Israel archaeology and so on, but I credit 'Exodus' with making me a Zionist."

For some inexplicable reason, considering how many Israelis smoke, the rate of cancer of the mouth here is low, compared with that of other tumours. "But I'd still advise all Israelis to quit smoking," that's the only real answer to a terrible disease. Giving up smoking, it can be done — I know — I myself stopped smoking four years ago. We are now trying to train dentists to be detectives of the mouth, to watch out for any signs of leukoplakia. Fortunately, people are not scared to open their mouths for their dentists. But the real answer is not cure, but prevention, never to smoke at all."

From Israel, he is going to India, Northern Thailand, and New Guinea, plotting the incidence of his enemy. "And I want to go to Burma — they tell me that there babies take cigars out of their mouths in order to suck their mothers' milk."

### FLUORIDATION

Dr. Louis A. Saporito, elected president of the American Dental Association in November, 1972, has been both a professor at Columbia University and a private practitioner in New Jersey. He says that his Association is now embarking on a major programme of prevention.

"For instance, fluoridation of the community's water supply should cause a 60 per cent reduction in tooth decay. But this is not enough; we have to teach people such as

elementary things as how to clean clean their mouths immediately every particle of food from between the teeth, particularly any kind of sugar product, and you have to do it fast. It's not enough to clean your teeth morning or evening, or even three times a day; you should do so every time you eat. If this is not practical, carry dental floss around with you, a threadlike material, sometimes waxed, sometimes not. Get rid of food particles immediately. It's particularly important to train the children. Try to keep them off sweets and also cold drinks, which etch the teeth. But if they must have these things, clean their mouths immediately afterwards."

It is said that there are far too few dentists in America, that the country's teeth are suffering because of a shortage of practitioners. "I wouldn't say there's a shortage, I'd say we suffer from a maldistribution. Not everybody who needs dentistry goes to a dentist. It's an educational problem, not one of a lack of dentists."

When I mention the problem of using the Russian dentists, he nods. "I was in Moscow in 1967, and I'd say their dentistry is about 25 years behind that of the U.S. I've seen the work of your dental school — they are doing a magnificent job in training, research, and setting standards. In America, an immigrant simply has to go back to school and train till he reaches the required standard. Here you have a different policy with regard to immigrants; you are anxious for them to come. So I can see that you've caught between giving them a chance and maintaining the standards the dental school built up with so much trouble. I guess you'll work out a compromise."

### Alpha Omega

THE Alpha Omega Fraternity, says its outgoing president, Dr. Lawrence Krasne, of Miami, was founded in 1907 because American Jews felt that they had to have a strong voice in dentistry. In those days, it was more difficult for Jewish boys to get into dental schools. "We couldn't really say that Jews as such were excluded from existing fraternities, it's just that Jews weren't organized."

So the Jewish fraternity was created. In the course of time, chapters were created in Canada, several European countries, and Israel.

Now the wheel has turned full circle. Because of the more liberal atmosphere in America, and indirectly because of Supreme Court rulings, professional fraternities cannot exist on campuses unless they are open to everybody, irrespective of race, religion, or sex. So Alpha Omega is not exclusively Jewish. Some black dentists have entered the Baltimore Chapter. There are already two or three women members, paradoxical — and ironic — though this may seem to some veteran brethren.

"But anybody joining us has to do so with his or her eyes open," comments Dr. Krasne. "We don't expect them to convert, we do tell them that we embrace all the principles of Judaism. And we support Israel up to the hilt. The very name of Israel's one dental school — the Hebrew University-Hadassah School of Dental Medicine, founded by Alpha Omega — indicates what was our first 'magnificent obsession.' Now we are reaching out to help deal with the needs of dental health, education and research throughout the world."

"As for Israel, aside from our continued support for the dental school we founded, we want to help in the emphasis on prevention of cancer and the promotion of dental health, in which of course our dental school here is playing a leading part. We're working with Moshe Kaiman of the Ministry of Health, through whom we channel activities to improve dental health in the country. My impression from several visits is that the position here is improving rapidly. Israelis are making great strides and Alpha Omega would like to play its part in this progress."

### ISRAELI MOUTHS

Dr. Jack Levin-Epstein, Dean of the Hebrew University-Hadassah School of Dental Medicine and the man responsible for organizing the Convention at its Marshall, said that Israeli mouths were suffering because of the deadly soft food and drink of our day compared to a more austere era when children got less candy and soft drinks. "The penalty paid by society for affluence is pollution and this includes the mouth," he said.

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# Immigration high, but Arab birth rate higher

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DEMOGRAPHIC statistics tend to have a political flavour in Israel and current discussions concerning the future of the administered territories have increased their topicality.

The dramatic change which has taken place in the growth pattern of this country's Jewish population is summed up in the following table, natural and net growth.

Year	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972 (est.)
Births	35.0*	38.3	39.9	42.8	46.8	47.0
Deaths	4.5	13.0	21.7	22.2	28.4	33.0
Net growth	30.5	25.3	18.2	20.6	18.4	14.0

\* Does not include war casualties.

In 1967 total growth of Israel's Jewish population hit a low of 1.5 per cent. In 1972 it reached about 3.5 per cent. This increase was due to the rise in excess births over deaths, which advanced from 1.5 to 1.8 per cent of the local population, but most of it was brought about by the excess of immigration over emigration, which soared from about 2 to 1.7 per cent of the country's Jews. If this trend continues as is the prospect at the moment — the Jewish population may increase by about 100,000 during 1973, so as to number over 2.5m., four times the number when the State was established.

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recent years at about 5,500 annually, that is, 2 per cent of the population, or close to one quarter of average immigration. While immigration increased substantially in 1972, natural increase remained stationary and may have declined in terms of the birth rate. Demographers are still undecided whether this situation is a result of the German measles epidemic which was accompanied by a spate of abortions, or whether it signifies a change in the trend of Jewish births, which rose from 2.1 per cent of the population in 1967 to 2.5 per cent in 1971.

Jewish natural growth rate is currently more than that of most advanced nations. It exceeds that of Japan, is almost double that of France or the U.S. or the U.S.S.R., and approximates the rate of total population increase in high-immigration countries like Canada or Australia. If immigration is included, the Jewish growth rate is currently perhaps the world's highest, exceeding the rate of population growth of Turkey, Iran, Egypt or India. It is substantially higher than that of the Arab population in the administered territories (which now approximates 2.5 per cent a year). However, it is exceeded by the rate of natural growth of the Israeli Arab population.

The share of Arabs in Israel's aggregate population growth has declined since the Six Day War. It was about one-quarter in 1967, but about one-sixth in 1972. But one has to bear in mind that the share of non-Jews in Israel's current population is only about one-seventh, population growth. An estimate of the Central Bureau of Statistics moreover, the non-Jews' growth is not dependent on immigration. As a matter of fact, the share of Arabs in the natural growth of Israel population has risen from 25 per cent in 1967 to 28 per cent in 1972, double their share in the population total. The reason is, of course, that the Arabs' rate of natural growth (excess of births over deaths) is more than double that of Jews, and is close to four per cent. More precisely, the growth rate of Christian Arabs is now almost the same as that of Jews (1.9 per cent), but that of Moslems is 4.4 per cent, almost as high as it was in 1960.

**MOMENTOUS RESULTS**  
The marked difference in reproduction patterns of various groups in Israel have been brought into prominence in a recent survey by Mr. M. Handelsman and Dr. H. S. Haimov. The survey showed that the higher growth rate of Arabs can be traced to two basic trends: a lower percentage of single persons, and a higher number of children per family.

The decline in Jewish growth rate is clearly traceable to the prevalence of birth control, which has been gaining ground as immigration from African and Asian countries decreased, and Jews of Eastern origin have adjusted to the Western cultural pattern. Incidentally, family size is smallest in the kibbutzim (averaging only 2.4 persons, that is, considerably below the rate required for net reproduction) and highest in moshavim (4.6), the development towns (3.7), and West Jerusalem (3.8).

While custom doubtless plays a dominant role in setting the number of children per family, economic

considerations are also of substantial importance. Thus the Jewish birth rate dropped during the slow-down, and its recovery after the Six Day War must be largely attributed to full employment and improved income security, although another factor seems to have been the spreading fashionability of three to four children per family, even in Western and Ashkenazi population groups. (Should this family pattern become dominant, it could greatly increase the Jewish growth rate, so as to upset the above population forecast.) On the other hand, the 'Israel Moslems' growth rate seems to be the result of a unique combination of advanced income, welfare and health standards with maintenance of a traditional-type cultural pattern.

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## Israel biggest exporter of diamonds

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel is now the world's biggest exporter of diamonds, after selling \$385m. worth of the gems in 1972, a figure 45 per cent (\$120m.) above exports in 1971 and nearly double the export figure of only two years ago — \$200m. in 1970.

Larger stones, which command higher prices, are accounting for an increasing share of diamond exports, and the raw material of the industry, rough diamonds, substantially rose in price in 1972, resulting in higher proceeds for polished stones. Another factor was that countries which usually buy diamonds from Israel bought larger amounts.

## Mortgage fund for ex-soldiers

MIAMI BEACH (ENA). — A mortgage fund to provide housing for Israeli ex-soldiers was formally launched here Saturday night by the Israel Histadrut Foundation at a farewell tribute to Yitzhak Rabin prior to ending his tour of duty as Israeli Ambassador to the United States.

The 1,300 guests subscribed to more than 150 units of \$5,000 each, a total of more than \$750,000, toward an issue of \$5m. for the mortgage funds through Histadrut annuity trusts.

Dr. Sol Stein, president of the foundation, and Rabbi Leon Krombach, of Miami Beach, National Chairman of the Board of the Israel Histadrut Foundation, presented to Mr. Rabin the first Israel Histadrut Foundation Medal of Honour.

Dr. Stein, reported that the trust agreement pays a life income of 8½ per cent to the purchasers.

Mr. Rabin said the mortgage programme was the first major effort to equalize differences between Israeli ex-soldiers and new immigrants, who were automatically guaranteed adequate housing, job training and many other benefits.

## Elite plant in Safad loses licence

Jerusalem Post Reporter

SAFAD. — The Elite instant coffee plant in the southern part of town lost its licence yesterday.

The District Health Officer, A.B. Samonoff, said the licence would not be renewed until the firm installed sophisticated equipment to eliminate the noxious odours which local residents have been complaining about since the plant was opened — nearly 15 years ago.

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## Zim container line inaugurated in Haifa

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Zim container ship line was officially inaugurated in the port here yesterday morning. The ceremony was somewhat marred by the marine officers' strike, and the first of the new 25,000-ton container ships, Zim-Haifa, had "on strike" painted on her side, at the gangway which visitors had to use to come aboard.

Transport Minister Shimon Peres said at the ceremony that the inauguration marked the beginning of an "industrial revolution" in the Israeli merchant marine. It must be competitive in order to conquer the distances that separate Israel from its raw materials and markets, he said. He stressed that containerization would also necessitate new conceptions in the country's trucking and railways transportation, and noted that the ports authority had already spent \$110m. to modernize the harbours.

The ship's master, Michael Mendelson, told the press that for the crew too the container ship was a revolution in their way of life, with only a few hours in ports, after days at sea. "All we saw in our ports of call were the pilots and the dockers. To see the countries we had to buy picture postcards — there was no time for sightseeing. The ship has already operated for four months and in view of the special conditions, the crews are to be rotated every six months."

Mr. Peres also said yesterday that the future of Israel's passenger ships must be decided on the basis of the cost of the "dollars saved" in their operation. Answering newsmen's questions, he said that not the deficits of the two ships, the Nili and the Dan, but the price of their dollars was decisive.

He noted that various estimates have been made and another committee is now completing a final study. In his opinion if the price of the dollar in passenger shipping is found to be of the industrial rate of \$1.30 to \$1.5, the operation should be continued. But if it were found to be between \$1.40 and \$1.5, as some argued, "this is too much for this country."

based wholly on the contractual relationship between the appellant and the respondents.

In other words, Justice Witkon held, the issue before the court came within the bounds of private law, and not public law, and in this context the appellant had no cause for complaint against the respondents. For the latter conducted their affairs in the spirit of their own beliefs and outlook and laid down rules for erecting tombstones in accordance with their own concepts of what is proper.

Nor was it relevant whether the Supreme Court agreed with their concepts or not, or whether it thought that they were exaggerating or misinterpreting, the prohibitions laid down by the Rabbinate itself was in the habit of putting the Gregorian dates on their letters without deeming this to be a slight against the religious feelings of observant Jews. For the respondents had testified that in their capacity as a public authority in charge of supervising the erection of grave-stones, they applied without any discrimination upon the consent of the supplier (within the meaning of section 15(3) of the Law) and also constituted a waiver of his rights that would have by the customer in advance of any such term (within the meaning of section 15(5) of the Law). However, held Justice Witkon, he for his part did not think that an individual's right to honour and respect the memory of his parents in the manner he thinks fit, as long as he does not thereby prejudice or endanger the public good, is a right "under the contract."

On the contrary he was inclined to think that this right had its origins in the freedom of conscience, or in any of the other inviolable freedoms of the individual, and did not flow from the contract with the respondents. And although he was prepared to concede that a term which constitutes a waiver by the customer of any right, and not only a right under the contract, would be a restrictive term, he did not think that the right claimed by the appellant to be able to erect the kind of tombstone which would be in keeping with his own views and outlook instead of with that of the Hevra Kadisha, was the sort of right envisaged by the Standard Contracts Law. He thought, he continued, that it would be more appropriate to bring a petition against the Minister for Religious Affairs in the High Court of Justice calling upon him to show cause why those citizens who wish to bury their dead in accordance with their own beliefs and concepts should not be allowed to do so, instead of trying to enforce such rights in a case

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# Business and Finance

## FOOD EXPORTS SOAR AS INDUSTRY BECOMES MORE 'SCIENCE-BASED'

By CATHERINE ROSENTHAL

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — FOOD industry exports are expected to reach \$150m. a year by 1976, a 60 per cent rise over the 1972 exports.

This year alone saw a 30 per cent rise in the industry's exports over 1971, making this the fastest-growing branch of local industry.

These facts were announced during a recent press tour of several food-processing factories, held in conjunction with the Second Israel Food Week which takes place at the Hilton Hotel from January 14-19.

Some 90 manufacturers will be taking part in the event, organized by the Export Institute's Food Centre.

What are the main innovations buyers will see at the Food Week? Dr. Moshe Mandelbaum, director of the Food and Chemicals Division of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, told me that the meat branch has become increasingly important, and thus a wider range of processed meats and sausages as well as meats in the form of frozen, heat-and-eat meals, will be on show.

Low calorie products have widened in variety, as have convenience foods, and other types of ready-foods. We are making a start in organically grown produce — the latest food fad abroad and organically grown apricots, oranges and olives can already be found here.

## NOT ONLY TASTY

The food industry is increasingly a "science-based" industry — today's customer wants products which are convenient and practical as well as tasty. This trend demands research facilities: the food technology laboratories at the Haifa Technion and the Volcani Institute have been enlarged and most food factories have laboratories for product development and testing. Israel's food industry exports entirely to developed countries and thus to a "spoiled" clientele. So hygiene is ultra-important. As far as quality is concerned, Israel can definitely compete, Dr. Mandelbaum said. The number of complaints about Israeli-made food products received by the U.S. Food and Drug Authority is minimal compared with other countries — in June, for example, there were only three complaints about Israeli products.

The main lesson the food industry here has learnt is the need for direct communication between the producers of the raw foodstuffs and the processors. Special types of produce have to be developed specially for industry. More progress in this direction is still required, Dr. Mandelbaum felt.

## INDUSTRY PROBLEMS

A two-day Technological Symposium is scheduled for January 11 and 12, immediately before Food Week, where international experts in food technology will discuss food industry problems, including ecological problems, flavours and the most recent developments — such as freeze concentration in ingredients and additives for food processing.



# THE SQUEEZE THREATENS

THE New Year has been ushered in with elaborate parties, with tickets for two costing half a modest worker's monthly wage — and by strikes and rallies protesting against the price creep threatening to undermine people's living standards. Nothing could better exemplify the contrasts besetting our current boom, which combines prosperity with social tension, and economic growth with inflation.

The strain involved may not be very grave at present. In spite of soaring prices people's incomes — at real terms — have improved. Not only those of the upper crust, of businessmen, managers with expense accounts and professionals, but also the mass of wage-earners and pensioners is better off now than a year ago. What they fear is that they will lose these improvements if prices continue to rise.

Notwithstanding inflationary shortages and production bottlenecks our G.N.P. has been growing rapidly by a full nine per cent in 1972, the same as in the preceding year, and more than in 1970. Nevertheless, the tension is increasing, inflation is gaining ground, and the public is becoming increasingly anxious about it.

The protest rallies cannot change the situation, of course. Prices will go on rising by at least as much as in the past year, that is, by over one per cent a month, under the double impact of high costs and ample purchasing power. The forthcoming (hardly retrospective) wage hikes — including the C.O.L. allowance — will serve to increase both these factors. Price

control — now extended to the retail trade — may retard inflation a little, but will not stop it, because no attempt to maintain stable prices in an inflationary economy can be effective.

The cuts in import tariffs due to come into force in a fortnight may ease market pressures by increasing the supply of foreign products, but cannot go far without draining our dollar resources and endangering local production. On the other hand, the sure knowledge that prices will rise further is bound to encourage speculation — in spite of prohibitive interest rates and a squeeze on bank credits — and must bring windfall gains, and the resulting waste and conspicuous consumption, with all the social evils involved.

Only concerted action on a national level can stop the inflationary process, but for the time being there is neither a plan nor a plan for any such policy. These who burned their fingers in the unsuccessful "package deals" that sought to link the limiting of prices and wages are now at loggerheads. The government is preoccupied with the coming elections and urgent reforms are being shelved till next year. The Histadrut is unable to control the unruly trade unions, and more concerned with its image than with the fact that its gains are likely to prove imaginary. The manufacturers have adjusted themselves to inflationary conditions and are trying to make hay while the sun shines for them. As a result, national confidence is being rapidly eroded. Perhaps the current wave of protests against price rises could shake the public into demanding that something be done before it is too late.

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### Vietnam bombing halt

DAVAR (Histadrut), on the halt of bombing in North Vietnam and the resumption of the Paris talks: "There is no doubt that any compromise settlement in Vietnam will involve risks, and will also leave a considerable gap open for renewed confrontation — but it is doubtful whether the U.S. had any other possibility of extricating itself from its long-time and unpopular involvement."

Al Hameishar (Mapam), on the same subject: "This is good tidings for the world on the verge of 1973. It proves that the problem will be resolved not on the battlefield, but by negotiation, and it contains a lesson for all other foci of tension in the world. Furthermore, President Nixon's decision testifies to the weight of public opinion in the U.S., as well as in other countries — both East and West."

Hamaida (Agudat Yisrael), on last week's drama in Bangkok: "Despite the successful conclusion of the affair, which was in the nature of a miracle, it would be irresponsible to assume that the Arabs are capable of suicidal operations. It may be stated that had it not been for Cairo's part in the affair, it is doubtful whether the happy ending would have come about."

Ha'avetz (non-party), considering Mrs. Meir's decision to travel to France to participate in the Congress of the Socialist International: "The boycott maintained by the

French Government on the issue of the exchange of high-level officials need not obligate the Prime Minister to prevent her from visiting France as guest of the Socialist Party. Furthermore, the fostering of relations between Mrs. Meir and leaders of the Second International is desirable to Israel, and if her presence in France embarrasses Paris, it is the fault of the French Government."

Haasofe (National Religious), referring to the shelling in the north: "Syria's continued heating up of the border with Israel is prompted by domestic difficulties, and there appears to be no immediate prospect of Damascus refraining from such activity. The Syrians should know, however, that they will not escape scot free, and that the reaction of the Israel Defence Forces to the shelling of the Golan settlements was but a warning."

Omer (Histadrut), sharply denounces the Jewish Defence League for the letters it sent to Arabs in Israel and the territories advising them to emigrate. "This is criminal, irresponsible provocation, and the height of impudence. These letters are no different from the threatening letters dispatched by terrorists to Jews throughout the world and will only serve the interests of the terrorist organizations. Legal proceedings should be taken against the J.D.L. for disturbing public and civil order."

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# The Palestinians' French allies

By JACK MAURICE  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

ATTENTION has been focused on the Palestinians and their French supporters following the mysterious bomb explosion which wounded Mahmoud Hamshari, the Palestinian Liberation Organisation's representative here, a few weeks ago. Before the blast at the Left Bank home of the P.L.O. agent few people in France were aware of the scope of Arab terrorist activities in the country. In fact, with ups and downs, the P.L.O. and other anti-Israeli movements have been extremely busy ever since the Six Day War.

Although there are one million Arabs — mostly North Africans — living in France, the Palestinians represent only a fraction of the total, more than three times the figure of 70 given by the French police. They include two or three shopkeepers, five workmen, the P.L.O.'s Hamshari and a number of students who are enrolled at the universities in Paris, Toulouse, Bordeaux, Grenoble, Tours and Dijon. Not surprisingly, the students are the most vocal. They are all members of the General Union of Palestinian Students which enjoys the same status and toleration from the authorities as other groups of foreign students. Hamshari himself was never officially authorized to open an office here, but was allowed to work at the bureau of the Arab League, where he published the monthly bulletin "Fath."

**Student groups**  
However, the Palestinian cause is presented much more forcibly by French groups of the extreme left. So-called committees for supporting the "Palestinian Resistance" were set up at the height of the student turmoil in 1968 in almost every French university. Ironically, the most vigorous spokesman for the Palestinians among the French students have been two Jewish intellectuals, the Trotskyist, Alex Krivine and the Marxist Alain Gelsmar. Typical of the inflammatory statements issued by Gelsmar is his recent comment on the wounding of the P.L.O. representative: "From the kidnapping of the gumbos at Cherbourg to the attempt to kill Hamshari we have witnessed the creation in France of a new Secret Army Or-



Police grab a young man during a demonstration in Paris two weeks ago protesting the death of an Algerian worker, Mohammed Diab, in Versailles central police station on November 29. (AP radiophoto)

ganization. The majority of Frenchmen should have no difficulty in speaking forth against the Zionists, the Nazis of modern times." Gelsmar, a small, plump baby-faced physicist of 33, never wears a tie and is usually unshaven. With Jacques Sauvageot and Daniel Cohn-Bendit he was one of the principal architects of the French student revolt four years ago. Gelsmar founded the Proletarian Left, whose declared aim was to maintain a permanent climate of violence in order "to prepare the ground for armed revolution." Gelsmar organized meetings, demonstrations and strikes and distributed pamphlets at factory gates. When the Government dissolved the Proletarian Left Gelsmar ignored the ban. He was sentenced to 18 months for sedition and was freed on Christmas Eve last year. Alain Krivine, a 30-year-old history scholar, is the son of a Paris dentist. He has been backing the Arab cause since the Algerian war,

## Mouthpieces

Gelsmar and Krivine have both consistently used their political machines as mouthpieces for the Palestinians for the past four years. They have thus found themselves allied with left-wing Christian and socialist groups, both Catholic and Protestant. Support is drawn somewhat less steadily from the French Communist Party, the extreme left-

wing Unified Socialist Party and from the left-wing Gaullists of the Front of Young Progressives. Although this array of sympathizers may seem impressive, the Palestinians claim that Israel enjoys much wider support among students and intellectuals. A young Palestinian here said recently: "Our operation is a piece of handcraft compared with the more than 100 Zionist organizations and 72 newspapers which back Israel in France." The year 1968 marked a high point for the Palestinian image in France. The Arabs were successfully posing as the unlucky losers of the Six Day War and their cause was quickly taken up in France by the intellectual left.

After the collapse of the student unrest in the summer of 1968, interest in Palestine palled. The undergraduates went back to their books and their lectures and showed little interest in the Middle East situation. The question of the Palestinians seemed much more remote than of the North Vietnamese. When King Hussein cracked down hard on the terrorists, there was hardly a whimper from the French left. Agitation by the pro-Arab hard core of sympathizers was confined to demonstrations at Israeli events in provincial cities. But outbursts usually flared. A typical case occurred in Grenoble, where Ambassador Asher Ben-Natan sat patiently for half an hour until a gang of hecklers ran out of breath. Interest in the Palestinian question revived this year after the Lod Airport massacre and the murder of the Israeli athletes at Munich.

## Jewish extremists

But the demonstrations of the past few months have been puny compared with those of 1968. Extremist Jewish movements have also entered the fray. The Jewish Defence League has sent its own strong-arm groups to deal with Palestinians at their bookshops in the east and of Paris and at the recent congress of Arab and European youth movements here.

But the more respectable French Jewish organizations frown on these violent reprisals. The French Government has tolerated the pro-Palestinian movements until now because they have treated France as a "no-man's land" in their worldwide campaign against Zionism. However, this official attitude is changing as a result of the recent spate of terrorist actions on French soil. The French authorities became alarmed when two letter bombs arrived at the Israeli Embassy. They were even more concerned when Khoder Khamou, the Syrian "double agent," was shot dead at his Paris home in November by an Arab assassination squad. The killer's car was provided by a Frenchwoman known for her Arab sympathies. Now it seems that if the Palestinians want to continue using France as a base for their activities throughout Europe, they will have to choose between violence and propaganda.

## With Prejudice ! by Alex Berlyne

### PIECES OF EIGHT

"I WISH I were reading 'Treasure Island' for the first time," Walter Pidgeon told young Roddy McDowall in the 1941 movie "How Green Was My Valley," thereby establishing himself, at least as far as I am concerned, as the leading literary critic of all time.

Well, a friend of mine from London, Rex Cowan, has been living "Treasure Island" for the last few years, including pieces of eight, pirates and the whole kit and caboodle, with the exception of a parrot — which for the time being seems to be the exclusive concern of the Haifa police. In Israel this week to make a film about medical services for the Beduin, he told me all about it. In fact he has told me about it twice.

The first time was in the spring of 1971 when he announced that he had given up his law practice and was engaged in a search for sunken treasure. I spent an hour trying to talk him out of this nonsense. "You're pushing 40," I told him, "You can't drop everything for an adolescent fantasy." By September his divers were hauling out cannon, anchors, navigational instruments and the biggest haul of wreck silver ever found in Europe. Two batches have already been auctioned off, one at Sotheby's and the other at the Parke-Bernet Galleries in New York, and Rex's crew are still sifting bags of loot on the sea bottom. An adviser I take the booty-prize.

**Old book**  
It all began when he picked up an old book, Parson Troutbeck's "Survey of the Ancient and Present State of the Scilly Islands," 1794, while staying at his holiday home in the Scillies, and found himself intrigued by a passage describing the wreck of a Dutch East Indiaman, the Hollandia, in 1743. The richly laden vessel, 10 days out of Amsterdam and bound for Batavia (present-day Jakarta) struck the Gunner Rock and "sank down in about 22



fathoms of water, with all the people, who perished..." John Troutbeck's brief account mentions 250,000 pounds in dollars and concludes: "This wreck still remains a booty for those who can find it."

Though some of the men must have been strong swimmers there were no survivors. There have always been dark rumours about the fate of the crew of the Association which went down a few years earlier off the Gistone Rock. The fleet's commander, Sir Cloudesley Shovell, is said to have been murdered as he dragged himself ashore by Scilly Island wreckers practising their traditional craft of tinkering with lights and buoys in order to grow a rich crop on the beaches. It fair makes your blood run cold.

Rex and his wife, Zella, spent two years researching among the dusty archives, examining ship's

logs and even establishing that the wind was in the west when the Hollandia struck. After making a deal with the Dutch government, which inherited the assets of the Amsterdam Chamber of the Dutch East India Company in 1800, a Dutch Naval architect helped Rex with research in Holland.

## Dangerous seas

In the spring of 1970 Rex's expedition set off. A motor launch, several inflatable dinghies, half a dozen divers with their aqua-lung equipment and a few other odds and ends were assembled over the spot where the wreck was calculated to lie. Months of work followed, often in dangerous seas, amid jagged rocks and reefs. The compass dives revealed nothing.

Rex knew an electronics expert who had constructed a proton-magnetometer for detecting submerged ferrous metal and he agreed to join the team. The machine needed endless adaptations till it worked properly. On September 16 it recorded a classical three-peak pattern. Two days later the divers found four cannon, three anchors and a long list of items. A further dive next day revealed the main part of the Amsterdam Chamber of the cannon — just where Rex had told them it would be — establishing that it was the wreck of the Hollandia.

Two seasons of diving have been carried out so far. Occasionally the wreck was searched by planes and possums but Rex shipped legal writs on them and recovered the booty. Other treasure hunters have had to fight off pirates with pistols, and cases have been recorded in recent years of pirates dropping explosives while divers were down. It would seem that Rex's rogues were a more gentlemanly lot.

## Coin clumps

During the first season, clumps of coins, about 14,000 in all, were recovered together with a mass of domestic artifacts. An archaeologist was added to the team to collate the scientific information yielded by the wreck — the equivalent of a small eighteenth-century village of 300 inhabitants with all their goods and possessions. The several passengers on board included a brother of the Dutch Governor-General of the East Indies, his wife and sister-in-law. These two ladies belonged to the aristocratic Bentinck family. A descendant is currently laying claim to some of the exquisite items of jewellery — gold shoe-buckles, cloak-clasps and so forth — which it may be assumed belonged to these unfortunate. Oddly enough, the sinking of the Hollandia didn't upset the officers of the Dutch East India company unduly. A clue to the attitude may be found in the 1743 account of an English writer who was told by an officer of the company "that if they lost five or six ships every year that made only a difference of five or six per cent."

Rex is busy recruiting a team for a new expedition. By now he's hopelessly addicted. Having run my fingers through an admittedly small pile of silver from the Spanish Main this weekend — *Peseo de a ocho reales* (pieces of eight) and *ducados* — I'm sure I've caught the bug, too. "I hear the surf booming about its course, or start upright in bed, with the sharp voice of Captain Jack, saying in my ear: 'Pieces of eight pieces of eight!'"

## Readers' letters

### Anglo Jewry doesn't panic

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir — The "irascibility" engendered within Alex Berlyne by Anglo Jewry, and related by him in his article, "Those Foreign Jews" (November 28) is small compared with the irascibility aroused within me by Mr. Berlyne's article. His "London eye" and his sources of information regarding the state of the Jewish community in the wake of the Arab terror campaign are far removed from reality. We here see nothing approaching panic and no "breaking off" with Israeli bodies. In fact the reverse is probably true. Many individuals have expressed a wish to strengthen their ties with Israel. In so far as Barclay House School is concerned, and speaking as Headmistress of that school, I wish to state that one parent only expressed concern, and security arrangements were taken on the fullest advice and with the encouragement of all concerned. D. ELIAS B.A. (Mrs.), Barclay House School, London, December 14.

### EGGED REDUCTIONS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir — Up till now, I paid IL7.20 for a card of 20 bus tickets of 45 agorot each. Now I have to pay IL8.75. Since the price per ticket has gone up 5 agorot, the price of the 20-ticket card should only have gone up by IL1 to IL3.20. Why the extra raise?

Haifa, November 23.

### Egged replies:

Fares and reductions on 20-ticket cards are fixed by the economists of the Ministry of Transport and must be approved by the Controller of Road Traffic. The reduction for 20-ticket cards is 12 1/2 per cent, but the Controller of Road Traffic decided on a special reduction of 20 per cent for cards covering fares of 45 agorot, which brought the price of the card down to IL7.20. (This is not the place to go into the special reasons for this decision.) The recent fare increase from 45 to 50 agorot (an increase of only 11 per cent) means that the 20-ticket card now has the benefits of only the regular 12 1/2 per cent reduction. M. SHIFMAN, Spokesman, Tel Aviv, December 12.

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